



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mark Henry SHIPTON et al.

Group Art Unit: 1709

Application No.: 10/689,100

Examiner: M. MILLER

Filed: October 10, 2008

Docket No.: 117396

For: METHOD OF FORMING A DIFFUSION BARRIER ON A TITANIUM ALLOY  
SUBSTRATE

**AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 10, 2008 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**